

# Sports

## Heinis Bids for Fifth Win On Western Track Today

Point leader Marvin Heinis attempts to match Jim Cook's main event win total this afternoon at Western Speedway.

Over 50 cars and drivers will get under way on the nine-event program at 2:30 p.m. today. Time trials begin at 1 p.m.

Cook is the top main event winner at Western so far this season, having taken the checker flag five times during the year.

HEINIS, the top driver in the 1962 California JALOPY Assn. championship point stand-

ings, has captured four feature victories at Western and one in San Diego.

Four other drivers scored stock car wins at Gardena this year. Bill Foster and Gene Davis have chalked up a pair of wins while Clem Proctor and Arley Scranton have one win apiece to their credit.

FOSTER ALSO holds the one-lap track record for stock cars of 16.99 seconds or 70-629 miles per hour set on June 24. Other drivers have come within 2/100ths of a second of the

track mark in recent weeks. In addition to the day's 30-lap feature, racing will include a 15-lap semi-main, four eight-lap heat races, and a three-lap trophy dash.

Entered locally are Bill St. James and Chuck Townsen of Gardena.

## Sports Car Pilots Try Skill Tests

Owners of British-made sports cars will get a chance to try their skill in a British Inter-Marque Trophy Day at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Sponsored by the British Automobile Manufacturers Assn., events will include Concours d'Elegance, Slalom, Funkhana, Gymkhana, and acceleration and braking.

A car Gymkhana is a series of obstacle course tests which are designed to see how well a driver can handle his car. A Funkhana is an event run on a closed course. Both driver and navigator's skills are tested. Accent is on accuracy rather than speed and it is strictly a low-speed event.

A SLALOM is a fast maneuverability run on a small course as fast as possible without hitting any of the markers. The course is defined by white lines on the asphalt and soft rubber, cone-shaped markers.

Slaloms are driven in first and second gears. Speed and acceleration is a factor, but handling is more important since seconds are added to the final time for each marker hit.

A CONCOURS d'Elegance is a show or contest of finely designed and maintained motor cars.

There will be a \$1 entry fee for each event plus a \$1 overall registration fee.

## Sonny, Floyd Sign to War Over Screen

Paul wrote the Thessalonians that the love of money is the root of all evil, and there is doubtless something to be said for this morsel of subversion.

The power of money to corrupt, furthermore, is supposed to increase by volume. Every man has his price, and that sort of think, but you can't take home a Rockefeller in your shopping bag for coffee bag for coffee and cakes.

I suggest these views are not invariably true. There are occasions when money can make a Christian out of a man. And the more the money, possibly the deeper the job of conversion.

In pursuit of this happy thesis let us consider the singular case of Floyd Patterson, the heavy. Patterson, I regret to say, used to be something of a prig.

It was suggested to him, a year or two ago, that he defend his heavyweight boxing title against a chap who admitted to the Kefauver Committee that he had been arrested between 50 and 100 times in his brief life. Floyd, at the time, tended to a lofty, almost pharisaical view of the matter.

"I would not consider fighting Mr. Sonny Liston," he would tell the press, "until he purges himself of his underworld connections." These bad companions, Floyd would tell his biographers, were a Philly racket king named Frank the Blink Palermo; Joe Vitale, who owned a piece of St. Louis, and Frankie Carbo, who is now doing graduate work in honesty at Alcatraz.

"I'm not looking to get bumped off," is the way Floyd used to put it. Thus revealing an unbecoming strain of pusillanimity in addition to his priggishness.

Floyd's manager, Gus D'Amato, is a man who can talk the kilt off a Highlander. Cus put on the record what Floyd was saying off the record, though he mentioned no names. Cus said the tiger would not fight Mr. Liston until "he rids himself of some of the people surrounding him." This didn't help the image, either.

We all knew in our hearts that Floyd was a regular guy. Else, how could he ever have become a heavyweight champ? But there were times when it was hard to believe. Times, even, when we credited the view of the champ was chicken.

This is where the money, the sovereign healer came in. Some of Floyd's spiritual advisers began to consult with the pay television people, and other aspects, and found out that anywhere from \$3 million to \$7 million would go to waste if Patterson continued so ethically unbending. It was downright un-Christian, to be blunt about it.

Floyd fell off his high horse, the way Paul the Epistler did on the way to Damascus. The thought of all that money going to waste did something fine and good and true to the champ.

The conversion was not dramatic, but it was complete. Liston's owners, whoever they are, certainly did no pull out their investment. They had their bottoms in a pot of hot lard.

Nonetheless, Floyd began to spot most charitably Liston, he said a couple of months back, "has paid for his shortcomings . . . He's had a pretty tough life. I think Liston will realize the responsibility he has to the boys of America if he wins the championship."

Concomitant with Mr. Patterson's upward re-evaluation of Mr. Liston there was the humbling discovery that he, too, was perhaps no better than he should be.

"I've had a bad past, too," he revealed. "I used to steal from fruit stores."

Floyd has just published his life story, written in tandem with one of the sobbing sociologists of the New York sporting press. It pictures him as a youth constantly teetering on the brink of the pokey. Only to be saved, seriatim, by the sporting qualities imparted by boxing, the sweet science.

So next time you hear people saying money, the love of, is the root of all evil, just remember what it did for Mr. Patterson. Humbled a man suffering from hubris, the sin of pride. Et cetera.



GOLF TALK . . . Discussing the Junior Par Three Championship golf tournament sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department (left to right) are Tom Agrava, and Mike Naylor of the Youth Golf Club and golf instructor Jay Lowry. The Tourney runs tomorrow through Wednesday at the Sea-Aire Golf course.

## City Slo-Pitch Championship On Block Wednesday Night

Three games will be played at Torrance Park Wednesday night from which will emerge the 1962 city slo-pitch championship team.

In the opening encounter at 7 p.m., Redondo Beach J. C. No. 1 will clash with the Street Department.

Redondo won the chance to gain the city crown by whipping Thursday League foe St. Lawrence, 2-0, in a play-off encounter. The Street Department is City Employees League champion.

MOBIL OIL and the Bomb-

## Kelso Tops Carry Back In Listings

Purists among horse pundits have long maintained that the dollar sign is not the true measure of a thoroughbred.

This is affirmed by the experts who make up the TRA Board of Selection, the racing secretaries at the 46 Thoroughbred Racing Assn. tracks, who are polled weekly to name the top contenders for championship.

In the handicap division, Mrs. Richard C. duPont's Kelso is still rated the top contender for the championship he held in 1960 and 1961.

Kelso has won but one race, and was twice second under top weight, in four starts; his earnings for the year are a mere \$47,745.

Carry Back, second in the rankings, has earned \$276,502 for four victories, four seconds and two thirds in a dozen trips to the post.

There was little action among the contenders for the championship during the past week with the exception of the 3-year-old fillies where, in the Alabama Stakes at Saratoga, Firm Policy beat the top-ranking filly, Cicada, but failed to dent her 370 point lead.

ers will tangle in the 8 p.m. contest.

Mobil bears the crown from the Wednesday League while the Bombers walked off with top honors in the Monday League.

FOLLOWING the conclusion of the 8 p.m. game, the teams will take a 15-minute break and the winning teams will play to determine the city champ.

According to Elmer "Red" Moon, Adult Athletics director of the Torrance Recreation De-

partment, a team sponsor trophy will be presented to the manager of each of the four championship teams during the tournament.

## Slots Open On Warner Elevens

Openings are still available on local Pop Warner football teams.

Pop Warner teams are divided three ways. There are Peeewe, Midget, and Junior classifications. For youths 9, 10, 11, or 12, between the weights of 65-90 pounds, there is the Peeewe League.

Youths between 85-119 pounds, 10-13 years old, can join the Midget League.

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE is for boys 11-14 years old weighing 95-125 pounds.

According to Pop Warner rules, each squad shall consist of a minimum of 24 registered players and a maximum of 35 (if possible) . . . Each approved squad shall not consist of less than 18 bench-sitting players at a ball game . . .

BOYS WANTING to play Warner football can show up at the Torrance High field weekdays between 5:30 p.m. and dark or contact Jack Jasper at FA 8-3721.

In order to register, boys must have parental consent, and be above average students.

There is no height requirement for registration.

## Course Closed For Tournament

Sea-Aire Golf Course will be closed to the public Tuesday and Wednesday mornings because the starting times have been assigned to the Sea-Aire Teen-Age Golf Club Annual Tournament.

## Golf Course Opens Match

Young golfers will get a chance to duplicate some of Arnold Palmer's feats this week at Sea-Aire Golf Course.

Youngsters who are Sea-Aire Teen Age Golf Club members or those who have participated in the youth golf lessons, are invited to play in the tournament on the Junior par three course.

Participants will play against golfers of similar ability.

THE FIRST TWO preliminary rounds will be held tomorrow. They will consist of medal play (actual score) to determine where golfers will play in the tournament.

Finals will be match play (competing in each round against another golfer with the low-scoring golfer on each hole winning the hole).

A HOST of experienced golfers will give direction and leadership to the tournament. Golf starter Frank Murin, Jay Lowry, golf instructor, and Betty Hicks, well-known golf professional and a member of the advisory staff of Wilson

Sporting Goods, will direct the tourney.

MISS HICKS is an outstanding professional.

Highlights in her career include winning the National Amateur title in 1941, being named the Associated Press Woman Athlete of the Year in 1941, capturing the All-American Open in 1944, and finishing second in the National Open in 1954.

AT PRESENT, Miss Hicks is a golf instructor at San Jose State College.

Entry blanks are available at the starter's window at Sea-Aire Park. There is a 25-cent entry fee.

## Seahawk Eleven Opens Workouts

Preparing for entry in Western State Conference competition, Harbor College gridders get off to an early start on Friday morning, Aug. 31, when equipment will be issued to all prospective squad members. Seahawk mentor Joe Berry has scheduled a doctor's examination and a squad meeting for the first day.

Continuing a practice started last year, workouts will be held under the lights from 6 to 9 p.m. so that they will not interfere with jobs or other summer activities of the athletes.

The Harbor eleven will have two scrimmages with other colleges before the opening of the school year. The first encounter will be against Long Beach City College on Sept. 7 in Long Beach.

The second scrimmage will pit the Hawks against Citrus

College on Sept. 14 on the Harbor gridiron.

FORMERLY entered in the Metropolitan Conference, Harbor switched with Cerritos and will now play Pierce, Pasadena, Los Angeles City College, Ventura, Glendale, and Compton.

An old-time rivalry of Harbor's will continue. The Seahawks will oppose crossstown rival El Camino in the second official game of the year on Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. in Harbor Stadium.

Date	Opponent	Place
Sept. 21—Friday	San Diego	San Diego
Sept. 28—Friday	El Camino	Harbor
Oct. 6—Saturday	Oceanside	Oceanside
Oct. 12—Friday	*Pierce	Harbor
Oct. 19—Friday	*Pasadena	Pasadena
Oct. 26—Friday	*LACC	Harbor
Nov. 3—Saturday	*Ventura	Ventura
Nov. 9—Friday	*Glendale	Harbor
Nov. 17—Saturday	*Compton	Compton

\*Western State Conference games. All games begin 8 p.m.

## Amateur Cyclists Race Against Ascot Experts

Amateur motorcycle riders, led by national AMA 7-mile champion Elliott Schultz get a chance to race against the experts Friday night at Ascot Park. Racing starts at 8:30 p.m., one-lap qualifying at 7. "While several Southland riders who have been competing on midwestern tracks are due back at Ascot this week we will continue these combination type programs for a couple of weeks," said racing director J. C. Agajanian.

"ACTUALLY THERE'S little difference between the top amateurs and experts. The word 'amateur' in this instance is a misnomer," Aggie explained.

"All riders, novice, amateur and expert share in the prize money. They are ranked in this order by the AMA based on years of experience."

JACK O'BRIEN, closing in on his first Ascot track championship, leads the expert riders against such amateur whizzers as Schultz, Clyde Litch, Homer

Stapps, Mert Lawwill, Jeff Sperry, and Russ Bacarella. Dick Guglielmana, two-wheeling racing find of the year, is the choice of the loaded novice division over Guy Louis, Brad Harp, and Bill Briggs, among others.

IN THE MEANTIME Agajanian is making plans for the next Ascot steeplechase Sunday night, Sept. 2, the final western warm-up before the national 50-lap championships Sunday afternoon, Oct. 7.

The national race, switched from Oct. 6, now climaxes a three-day motorcycle jamboree weekend starting with the oval track program on Friday night.

## Local Swimmers Vie for Crown

Teen-agers who swim at Torrance Plunge will participate in the eighth annual Los Angeles Life Saving Championship at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Los Angeles Swim Stadium at 3980 Menlo Ave.

The event will be open to the public with no admission charged.

Climaxing the evening will be the presentation of trophies and medals to the winning teams by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross.

The Red Cross is sponsoring the competition in cooperation with the aquatics division of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Par-



TIGHT PACK . . . Motorcycles, running under AMA rules, and without brakes compete every Friday night at Ascot Park on the half-mile dirt oval. Unique motorcycle steeplechase events, featuring a 10-foot jump, are also run at Ascot under the J. C. Agajanian banner. Two Torrance residents, Elton Russell and Bennie Sims, regularly partake of the action on the local track.